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INSURANCE

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FOLLOWING ARE THE ANSWERS TO THE QUESTIONS ON SUBJECT MATTERS
AS LISTED IN REFTEL:

A. YES. MANDATORY LIABILITY INSURANCE ALSO APPLIES TO FOREIGN
REGISTERED AUTOMOBILES THAT ARE OPERATED TEMPORARILY IN THE COUNTRY.
THIS INCLUDES THAT ARE OPERATED TEMPORARILY IN THE COUNTRY.
THIS INCLUDES TOURISTS' CARS AS WELL AS AUTOMOBILES BELONGING
TO FOREIGN MISSIONS AND THEIR PERSONNEL PENDING LOCAL
REGISTRATION.

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B. MINIMUM THIRD PARTY LIABILITY COVERAGE IS THE EQUIVALENT
OF DLR 28,344 PER ACCIDENT WITH A LIMIT OF DLR 3,401 FOR PROPERTY
JAMAGE AND DLR17,006 PER PESON FOR BODILY INJURY. COMPANIES
SHOWN IN HOST GOVERNMENT'S APPROVED LIST MUST BE USED FOR LEGAL
LIABILITY COVERAGE. ABOVE IS ENFORCED BY REQUIRERING EVIDENCE
OF MINIMUM COVERAGE WITH APPROVED INSURER AT TIME DIPLOMATS'
AUTOMOBILES ARE IMPORTED AND/OR REGISTERED WITH ITALIAN DIPLOMATIC

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C. N/A. HOWEVER, PLEASE NOTE THAT EVEN BEFORE THE MANDATORY LIABITLITY INSURANCE LAW BECAME EFFECTIVE, JUNE 12, 1971, HOST COUNTRY'S REGULATIONS REQUIRED THIRD PARTY INSURANCE FOR CARS BELONGING TO DIPLOMATS IN THE SAME MINIMUM AMOUNTS MENTIONED IN BA. ABOVE.

D. N/A

E. EUROPEAN CONVENTION ON COMPULSORY INSURANCE AGAINST CIVIL LIABILITY, DATED APRIL 20, 1959, NOT RATIFIED BY HOST GOVERNEMNT. COMPULSORY INSURANCE IN ITALY IS GOVERNNED BY PUBLIC LAW NO. 990, DATED DECEMBER 24, 1969, PROVIDING FOR DIRECT LEGAL ACTION AGAINST INSURANCE COMPANY FOR CIVIL LIABILITY UP TO THE ACTUAL AMOUNT COVERED BY THE INSURANCE CONTRACT. INSURER'S LIABILITY IS IN NO CASE LESS THAN MINIMUM ESTABLISHED BY THE LAW. EMBASSY CONSIDERS SUCH MINIMUM INADEQUATE AND ENCOURAGES MISSION PERSONNEL TO OBTAIN ADDITIONAL COVERAGE. SINCE PREMIUM RATES FOR HIGHER COVERAGE ARE MINIMAL, GREATEST MAJORITY OF EMPLOYEES VOLUNTARILY FOLLOW EMBASSY'S SUGGESTION TO THAT EFFECT.

F. N/A

G. FOREIGN MINISTRY'S SOURCES INDICATE THAT IT IS NOT A STANDARD PRACTICE FOR ANY MISSION TO WAIVE DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITY FOR PURPOSE
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INDICATED THIS PARAGRAPH. MORE PRECISELY, VOLUNTARY WAIVER OF IMMUNITY IS CONCIDERED AS UNCOMMON OCCURRENCE.

H. THERE IS NO SPECIAL PROCEDURE FOR DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS AND THEIR PERSONNEL TO OBAIN AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE. HOST GOVERNMENT'S ASSISTANCE IS LIMITED TO MAKING LISTS OF AUTHORIZED INSURANCE COMPANIES AVAILABLE TO DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS.

I. PREMIUM RATES APPLICABLE TO MOTOR VEHICLES REGISTERED WITH ITALIAN DIPLOMATIC (CD) PLATES ARE APPROXIMATELY 20 PERCENT LOWER THAN THE STANDARD RATES PAID FOR AUTOMOBILES REGISTERED WITH OTHER PEMANENT ITALIAN PLATES. STANDARD PREMIUM RATES, ESTABLISHED BY LAW, APPLY TO OFFICIAL VEHICLES AND POVS BELONGING TO MISSION PERSONNEL OTHER THAN DIPLOMATS.

J. NO. THE INSURANCE CONTRACT FOR COMPULSORY THIRD PARTY LIABILITY IS ASTANDARD FORM.

K. NO

L. NO.

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M. EMBASSY HAS NO RECORD OF CASES OF INADEQUATE COMPENSATION FOR DAMAGE CAUSED BY U.S.DIPLOMATS. FOREIGN OFFICE SOURCES HAVE NO RECOLLECTION OF NOTRIUS CASES OF SERIOUS PERSONAL INJURY OR DEATH CAUSED BY FOREIGN DIPLOMATS THAT HAVE NOT PROPERLY BEEN STTLED IN RECENT YEARS.

N. NO. ONLY FUND RAISED THROUGH CONTRIBUTION OF INSURANCE COMPANIES UNDER GOVERNMENT'S CONTROL IS USED TO FINANCE LIMITED PAYMENTS FOR PERSONAL INJURY WHEN RESPONSIBLE PARTY CANNOT BE IDENTIFIED OR IS NOT COVERED BY VALID INSURANCE.HOLMES

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